



☐ FLOOD AND FLASH FLOOD

Description

A *flood* occurs when a river or stream overflows its bed onto normally dry land. Floods can be slow to develop, or in the case of *flash floods*, they can occur suddenly with devastating power.

☐ *Related Hazards*

Floods can cause landslides and mudflows as well as power shortages.

Geographical Considerations

Flooding is the most widespread and costly natural hazard facing America. Floods can occur in any State or community. Often communities with new development face floods caused by urban drainage problems that were not present prior to the development.